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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL ATTITUDE TOWARD COLLECTIVIZATION
OF AGRICULTURE

1. ARTICLE IN NEW YORK TIMES DATED JULY 21, 1974 UNDER
HEADLINE "RUSSIANS LAUD YUGOSLAVIA FOR FARM POLICY SHIFTS"
BY UNNAMED MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT NOTES THAT SOVIET WEEKLY
NEW TIMES "HAS TAKEN APPROVING NOTE OF YUGOSLAVIA'S EFFORTS
TO INDUCE FARMERS TO COLLECTIVIZE." AFTER POINTING OUT
THAT 85 PERCENT OF FARMLAND IS PRIVATELY OWNED, ARTICLE
STATES "PRESIDENT TITO HAS LONG WANTED TO CHANGE THIS AND
GRADUALLY BRING YUGOSLAV AGRICULTURE MORE IN LINE WITH
COMMUNIST ORTHODOXY. THERE ARE SIGNS...THAT THE GOVERNMENT
INTENDS TO MOVE MORE FIRMLY THAN HERETOFORE AGAINST PRIVATE
OWNERSHIP OF LAND..." NEW TIMES ARTICLE QUOTED FROM ARTIC-
LES IN MAGAZINE NIN ("INNUMERABLE TINY PLOTS MAKE USE OF
MACHINERY DIFFICULT") AND POLITIKA ("VAST NUMBERS OF
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PEASANTS HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT THE FUTURE BELONGS TO

COLLECTIVE LABOR").

2. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR GRANFIL JULY 22 EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE THAT NYT SHOULD PRINT SUCH A "LIE" ABOUT YUGOSLAV AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND REFERRED TO RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY TENTH LCY CONGRESS. ARMITAGE SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IF IT SO DESIRED, TO WRITE A LETTER TO NYT TO

CORRECT ANY REPORTING ERRORS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL ATTITUDE TOWARDS COLLECTIVIZATION AND ON DEGREE OF SUPPORT THAT THIS POLICY ENJOYS. INGERSOLL

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